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CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT

West Fork Bitterroot River Road (along Painted Rocks Lake) MT PFH 66-1(3)

Accomplishments through July 17, 2003:

Work continued on the slide repair South of Slate Creek. The erection of the new Slate Creek culvert is complete and the backfill is continuing. Water was completely turned into the new culvert at noon last Friday. The demolition and removal of the old box culvert is complete as well. Work should be completed on Gabion Wall #3 and #5 North of Slate Creek by COB tomorrow, but some of the barrier rail will remain in place until Monday or Tuesday of next week. The horizontal drains have all been drilled and they are currently being completed.

Future activities planned for the project:

Work will continue on the new Slate Creek culvert. Excavation and embankment operation will continue North of Slate Creek. Hauling of material from the Alta pit will continue. Work will continue on the slide area South of the Slate Creek Bay, and when completed work will start on wall # 6 right in front of the South slide area. Work may also continue on culverts, underdrains, and horizontal drains. Blasting may continue next week if needed.

Other news of note:

Pumco, Inc. current work schedule is 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday thru Friday. This means that Pumco, Inc will use a portion if not all of the 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm road closure. Work will continue through October of this year due to the new Slate Creek culvert being installed.

As a reminder the road open/closure schedule is as follows:

7:00 pm to 8:00 am	Open Road
8:00 am to 10:00 am	Road Closure Permitted
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Open Road
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Open Road
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted

During Open Road periods expect short delays for flaggers and/or pilot car. Please be watchful of the flaggers and be prepared to stop, and follow the flagger's directions and follow the pilot car for your own safety as well as the safety of the workers.

Please refer your questions, comments, or concerns to Todd Butikofer at (406) 821-9932 Drive Safe!

